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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: David Gries *VG*

SUBJECT: Update on Congress

--There is much support and little opposition to Gates' confirmation. However, there is no chance that he will be confirmed before the Easter recess; we estimate mid to late April.

--We have been heavily involved in facilitating briefings on Nicaragua--over 15 individual and 5 committee sessions. The Administration is 10 to 15 votes short in the House at this writing. The Senate is less clear.

Minority Leader Michel made an unusual appearance and strongly supported the Administration's position. Hamilton's bill will probably clear HPSCI 9-7 but fail in the House.

--You are hosting several lunches to present Agency Seal Medallions to former oversight Members. Three small breakfasts are also scheduled after the Easter recess for Senators Stevens, Boren and Cohen (one at a time).

--We have attached amendments to the portal to portal transportation bill now in the Senate which would cover the DDCI and other Agency vehicles. Don Regan is personally pushing the bill since it would authorize 16 more White House limousines.

--We have drafted letters from you to Shultz, Weinberger, Poindexter and Jim Miller that support the submission of new leaks legislation, inasmuch as OMB forced the provision out of our FY 1987 Authorization bill, but with the understanding that they would support separate legislation.

--We have problems with the version of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism bill before the House. If we can't correct it before it passes the House, we will ask you to sign a letter to Durenberger to seek support for sponsoring our amendments on the Senate side.

--Congressman Addabbo is in a coma and is not expected to live.

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